DOI Work Activity: 4A — Construct Shrub/Grass/Pinyon Juniper/Forest Projects

Program Area:	Resource Use – FORAGE
End Outcome Goal:	UEO 3 – LAND-RELATED RESOURCES – Manage or Influence Resource Use to Enhance Public Benefit, Responsible Development, and Economic Value
Intermediate Outcome:	UIO 3.2 (Forage) – Enhance Responsible Use Management Practices
DOI Sub process:	4c – Provide facilities for public benefit (construct, maintain, and operate projects and facilities)

Examples/Notes: Heavy Equipment rental and Working Capital Fund (user and fixed ownership rates) costs should be charged to this activity.

Work Activity Description: Includes all labor and operating costs associated with the reportable unit such as:

- Project planning;
- Equipment purchase/lease/rental;
- Environmental assessments,
- Cultural/Heritage resources clearances; and T & E species reviews and consultations;
- Preparation of Rangeland Improvement Permit or Cooperative Rangeland Improvement Agreement;
- Survey and design, easement acquisitions as necessary,
- Work preparation, supply acquisitions, construction costs, cleanup at completion; labor in the field and the office.
- GIS support, data management support
- Contracts/interagency agreements.

Number of projects in shrublands, grasslands, pinyon juniper woodland and forested vegetation types that were constructed to benefit the following. Includes new projects with contributed funds.

- Wildlife species;
- Botanical resources;
- Threatened, Endangered or BLM Special Status Species of Plants and Animals;
- Watershed health;
- Livestock grazing,
- Wild horse or burro habitat; and
- Multiple resource needs.

Projects are typically constructed at a given point on the ground and require periodic maintenance to continue to function. Treatments, on the other hand, typically are spatial vegetation and/or soil manipulations modifying ecological processes.

Wildlife and botanical/plant projects include spring developments, fencing for protection of critical wildlife/plant areas, guzzler installation, nesting platforms, erosion control structures, etc. and are designed as a result of wildlife/plant habitat or watershed analysis.

Unit of Measure: Number of projects where construction is completed during the fiscal year.

	Report by actual number of projects implemented. RIPS captures the data within the controls of the program data screens. Bureau Policy requires entry of all new projects into RIPS.
Inputs: customer requests needed for above activities.	Cost Drivers: -

System Interfaces: The Rangeland Improvement Project System (RIPS) reside on stand alone microcomputers in the field offices. Commercial activities involving the sale of Timber and/or Special Forest Products must also be reported in the Timber Sale Information System (TSIS).

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